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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2853

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 DOHA 0930

FOR NEA/EX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMGT

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF: STATE 173492

QUESTION NO. 1

CHIEF OF MISSION (COM)

PROPOSED

FY 1976 FY 1977 FY 1978

A. OPERATING COST \$73,408 \$192,149 \$94,044

B. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE OFFICERS 1 1 1

C. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE STAFF 1 1 1

D. NUMBER OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES NIL NIL NIL

QUESTION NO. 2

POLITICAL SECTION (NONE, POLITICAL REPORTING DONE BY COM).

A. OPERATING COST NIL NIL NIL

B. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE OFFICERS NIL NIL NIL

C. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE STAFF NIL NIL NIL

D. NUMBER OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES NIL NIL NIL

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QUESTION NO. 3

ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION

A. OPERATING COST \$39,510 \$54,398 \$56,612

B. NUMBER OF FOREIGN

SERVICE OFFICERS 1 1 1

C. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE STAFF NIL NIL NIL  
 D. NUMBER OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES 1 1 1

## QUESTION NO. 4

## CONSULAR SECTION

A. OPERATING COST \$37,459 \$64,747 \$67,244

## B. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE OFFICERS 1 2 2

## C. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE STAFF NIL NIL NIL

D. NUMBER OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES 1 1 1

## QUESTION NO. 5

## ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

A. OPERATING COST \$136,201 \$158,149 \$167,902

## B. NUMBER OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE OFFICERS 1 1 1

## C. NUMBR OF US FOREIGN

SERVICE STAFF 3 2 2

NUMBER OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES 5 5 5

## QUESTION NO. 6

## OTHER

NIL

## QUESTION NO. 7 THROUGH 12 NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS POST.

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## QUESTION NO. 13. NOT APPLICABLE

## QUESTION NO. 14, NOT APPLICABLE.

## QUESTION NO. 15.

## A.

ITEM	AMOUNT	LENGTH
LOCATION	DESC. USE. GROSS NET	LEASE
1) SALWA ROAD	OFF. AMB. 29,000 5,800	5 YRS.
DOHA	RES.	
2) SAAD AREA	RES. VICE 8,500 2,500	5 YRS
OF DOHA	CONSUL	
3) SHAIKH	RES. ADMIN. 11,500 4,800	5 YRS.
SUHAIM RD. DOHA	OFFICER	
4) SHAIKH	RES. AMB.SEC 11,500 4,800	5YRS.
SUHAIM RD. DOHA		
5) AL MONTAZA	RES. VICE 14,100 3,000	LEASE EXPIRED
AREA OF DOHA	CONSUL	NOT YET RENEWED.
6) SALWA ROAD	RES. C&R 12,000 4,800	5 YRS.
HBK VILLA 9,	OFFICER	

DOHA

7) SALWA ROAD RES. TCU 12,000 4,800 5 YRS.

HBK VILLA 10, DOHA

8) SALWA ROAD RES. ECON/ 12,000 4,800 5 YRS.

HBK VILLA 11, COML. OFFICER

DOHA

9) FARIG BIN CHAN. OFFICE 27,300 8,000 5 YRS.

OMRAN, DOHA BLDG.

B.

ANNUAL ANNUL OCCUPANTS

COST OF MAINTENANCE OCCUP. CHARGE/

LEASE EXPENSES AGENCY POSTION/GRADE FEE

\$38,080 \$15,000 (EST) CHANGERY BLDG

33,510 15,000 (EST) STATE AMBASSADOR FSO 2/7 NIL

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15,232 15,000 (EST) STATE VICE CONSUL FSO 7/2 NIL

11,219 15,000 (EST) STATE ADMIN OFF. FSR 5/1 NIL

11,219 15,000 (EST) STATE AMB. SEC. FSS 5/10 NIL

8,378 15,000 (EST) STATE VICE CONSUL FSR 6/5 NIL

(ESTIMATED COST OF NEW LEASE IS \$50,000 PER YEAR)

11,219 15,000 (EST) STATE C&R OFF. FSS 7/2 NIL

11,219 15,000 (EST) STATE TCU FSS 7/6 NIL

EXCHANGE RATE- QR 3.9391 TO \$1

QUESTION NO. 16. NOT APPLICABLE

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QUESTION NO. 17

AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

EXPENSES

FY 77 FY76 FY75 FY74 FY73

OPERATING (EST) 9,325 8,035 7,000 6,000 5,000

COST

MAINTENANCE (EST) 10,000 7,000 5,000 4,000 3,000

REFURNISHING (EST) 20,000 14,000 11,000 9,000 7,500

REMODELING (EST) 25,000 18,000 10,000 7,000 5,000

B. SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENSES NIL

NO DCM AT THIS POST.

QUESTION NO. 18

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES 8. HOUSING UNITS 8.

QUESTION NO. 19

ALL USG FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYEES ARE PROVIDED WITH  
USG LEASED RESIDENCES.

QUESTION NO. 20

GRADE FSO 2/7. NUMBER 1. AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE 9,325  
(ORE EXPENSES)

QUESTION NO. 21

FURNISHED NO. 21

FURNISHED HOUSING, WATER, ELECTIRCITY, BUTANE GAS,  
MAINTENACE PROVIDED.

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QUESTION NO. 22

WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, LOCAL EMPLOYEES ARE  
PROVIDED WITH NEW HOUSING ALLOWANCES AMOUNTING TO  
25PCT OF THEIR BASE SALARY EFFECTIVE FROM 4/10/77.  
ALL COMPANIES IN QATAR PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THEIR  
EMPLOYEES MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO ATTRACT  
AND RETAIN QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. THIS ALLOWANCE IS  
A SMALL WAY TO ALLEVIATE THIS

QUESTION NO. 23

HOUSING MANAGEMENT. MAN YEARS 1

HOUSING MAINTENANCE. MAN YEARS 1/4

QUESTION NO. 24

ONLY THING MAKING LIFE BEARABLE IN DOHA IS HOUSING.  
SEVERE CLIMATE AND TOTAL LACK OF OUTSIDE ENTERTAINMENT  
MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE  
BEST HOUSING AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET. UTILITIES,  
ESPECIALLY WATER MUST BE PROVIDED. WATER IS DELVIERED BY  
TRUCK TO HOMES USUALLY ON A DAILY BASIS. DURING PEAK  
SUMMER SEASON ONE TANKER MAY COST IN EXCESS OF \$50  
PERDAY.

DESPITE THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING, QUALITY OF CONSTRUCTION  
IS POOR AND CONSTANCT MAINTENANCE IS NECESSARY.

QUESTION NO. 25

- 1) ONLY QATARIS MAY OWN PROPERTY.
  2. LAWS ARE DESIGNED IN FAVOR OF LANDLORD RATHER  
THAN RENTOR.
  - 3) UNWILLINGNESS OF LANDLORDS TO MAKE ANY REPARS  
OR MAINTENANCE.
  4. RENTS MUST BE PAID ONE OR TWO YEARS IN ADVANCE.
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5. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS UNWILLING TO ASSIST EMBASSY  
IN DISPUTES WITH LANDLORDS.
- 6) IT IS PREVAILING PRACTICE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES  
ARE PROVIDED HOUSING IN QATAR MAKING IT VERY  
DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT QUALIFIED LOCAL PERSONNEL.

QUESTION NO. 26

YES. OUR VERY EXISTENCE IN QATAR IS THREATENED BY  
THE PRECARIOUSNESS OF OUR HOUSING SITUATION. WE  
ARE FACED WITH SKYROCKETING EXPENSES FOR HOUSING  
AND ARE INVOLVED IN ENDLESS HAGGLING WITH LANDLORDS  
USING EXTRALEGAL METHODS TO EVICT US IN ATTEMPTS TO  
INCREASE RENTS DESPITE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS.  
A GOOD EXAMPLE OF RENT INCREASE IS HOME OF VICE  
CONSUL WHICH PREVIOUSLY RENTED FOR \$8,378 PER YEAR.  
NEW RENT IS EXPECTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$50,000  
PER YEAR. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO FACE SIMILAR RENT  
INCREASES IN AT LEAST FIVER OTHER PROPERTIES. GOVERNMENT  
OF QATAR HAS OFFERED LAND ON A LONG TERM LEASE  
FOR CHANCERY AND LIMITED HOUSING ON A PROPOSED  
DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND. WE ARE PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING  
FOR A LARGER PORTION OF LAND TO SATISFY ALL OF OUR  
C  
FUTURE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS. EMBASSY HAS STRONGLY  
RECOMMENDED THAT USG ACCEPT THIS OFFER AS OUR BEST  
CHANCE TO REDUCE COSTS AND SECURE OUR CONTINUED  
EXISTENCE HERE.

QUESTION NO. 27.

- A. NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES OWNED BY THE US GOVT -4.
- B. NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES LEASED BY US GOVT- NIL.

QUESTION NO 28.

JOB TITLE	GRADE
CHIEF OF MISSION	FSO 2/7
AMBASSADOR'S SECRETARY	FSS 5/10

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ADMIN OFFICER FSR 5/1  
VICE CONSUL FSR 6/5  
ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER FSO 6/1

QUESTION NO. 29

CHIEF OF MISSION FSO 2/7  
AMBASSADOR'S SECRETARY FSS 5/10  
ADMIN. OFFICER FSR 5/1  
VICE CONSUL FSR 6/5  
ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER FSO 6/1  
VICE CONSUL FSO 7/2  
C&R OFFICER FSS 7/2  
TCU FSS 7/6  
CLERK FSS 8/1

QUESTION NO. 30

NONE

QUESTION NO. 31

AMBASSADOR FSO 2/7 2. 9,325

QUESTION NO. 32

NAME OF ACCOUNT PURPOSE DEPOSITARY  
USDO, RFC, PARIS FOR LOCAL CURRENCY CITIBANK N.A. DOHA  
DISBURSEMENTS IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE  
OPERATION THIQF MISSION

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1977. QR 40,385.46

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